Cattle and buffalo breeding

1109. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Karnataka has submitted a proposal for implementation of the National Project on Cattle and Buffalo Breeding Programme; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b)Yes, Sir. Government of Karnataka submitted a project proposal for implementation of the National Project for Cattle and Buffalo Breeding in the State through Karnataka Livestock Development Agency. The project has been approved for implementation for 2 years at a cost of Rs. 2058.00 lakhs *i.e.* Rs. 930.00 lakhs for 2003-04 and Rs. 1128.00 lakhs for 2004-05. An amount of Rs. 465.00 lakhs has been released to the Development Agency as the first installment.

Irrigation facility

1110. SHRI LALITBHAI MEHTA:
SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of districts in the country having irrigation facility, State-wise;

(b) the impact of non-availability of irrigation on agricultural production per hectare of land;

(c) whether it is a fact that only 13.65 crore acres of agricultural land has irrigation facility, inspite of the fact that country has an irrigation potential of 35 crore acres of agricultural land; and

(d) how Government propose to bring more land under irrigation and thereby increase agricultural production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) As per available estimate,